TOWN OF DUNE ACRES COUNCIL MINUTES for SEPTEMBER 13, 2005

The Town of Dune Acres Town Council met for its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 13, 2005 at the Town Club House.

Town Council President Louise Roberts called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. with Councilpersons John Wilhelm and Ben Bolton, Clerk-Treasurer Beverly Hubbs, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Sherry King and Timothy Sendak filling in for Town Attorney Dan Whitten in attendance. Council President Louise Roberts opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance.

Council President Louise Roberts explained that the flags will be flown at half mast until September 20 in honor of Chief Justice William Rehnquist and the Hurricane Katrina victims.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilperson Ben Bolton moved that the minutes for August 16, August 22, and September 6 be approved as presented.

Councilperson John Wilhelm seconded the motion and it unanimously carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE TOWN OF DUNE ACRES as of August 31, 2005:

Fifth Third	\$201,261.67
Chase - Bank One	\$184,437.93
First State Bank of Porter Checking Account	\$97,406.97
TOTAL	\$483,106.57

Financial Report acceptance was tabled til next month at which time the Funds Report should be ready.

PAYMENT OF THE CLAIMS:

Councilperson John Wilhelm made the motion to accept the claims as presented. Councilperson Ben Bolton seconded the motion and it unanimously carried.

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CLAIMS APPROVED FOR THE TOWN OF DUNE ACRES for August 2005:

CORRESPONDENCE:

Duneland Chamber of Commerce -Invitation to Public Policy Meeting

Beverly Hubbs - hiring of Sherry King as Deputy Clerk-Treasurer and her salary waiver.

Kermit Meyers - Warning Signs on the Beach - advised to check with Insurance Agent.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

FIRE: Fire Commissioner Mark Hull was absent and no report was made.

ROADS/TOWN ENGINEER: Commissioner Irv Call

Road repairs done for the year and he is now working on getting the sand and salt ready for the coming winter season.

The base plate for the camera is in place and the camera focused. Irv recommends a new VCR and camera next year.

The modifications of the 2 pumps at the pump house have been completed. Augsten Electric did the work. There was a bad carburetor which has been repaired and will be available as a spare. The software is updated and the schematic is done and he will have copies made.

PARKS: Commissioner Kellie Klein

The turnout for the tree carving was great and Kelly thanked John Wilhelm and John and Heidi Sullivan for all their help. Several people suggested a contest to name the bear. The merry-go-round is being repaired with the help of her husband Todd, Irv Call and John Sullivan and should be ready in a couple weeks. The tennis screens and canopy will be taken down next month. Kelly reported that Bob Hartmann gave free tennis lessons this summer because he loves the game. The skating rink cover was cleaned last year and is ready for this season. Rob Carsten usually gets the people together to do this.

BEACH: Commissioner Rob Carstens

BUILDING: Commissioner John Sullivan

John reported that the Halsted house, the Hull house, and the Park house are all under construction. He reported that there are some problems between the owner and the builder of the Park house which are being worked out. There followed a discussion of the need to have a licensing ordinance for contractors.

Atty. Timothy Sendak recommended that the Council find similar sized towns and find out what their ordinances say rather than trying to create one on our own. He also suggested that the IACT has sample ordinances that would be helpful. John Wilhelm will work on this idea and said that the Plan Commission should be involved in the creation of such an ordinance.

MAINTENANCE: Commissioner Bill Griffin

Bill repeated that the exterminators for the bees at the Gatehouse will come back in the spring. He said that the bill that the Town received from Great Lakes Engineering was for services that he had not requested but that they did deliver. They provided an engineering survey for repairing the washout at the bottom of Ridge Road. He had asked for an estimate. Their plan would involve a three stage project of drywells and drains in three separate spots. Irv Call made some other suggestions that would be less expensive and could be done by Town employees/volunteers. Bill will discuss the bill with Great Lakes Engineering before it is approved and the Council will make a decision after more information is gathered. The stairs proposed over the dunes on East Road is estimated to cost about \$4,200 plus the cost of a Bobcat, estimated to be an additional \$1,000. Several people suggested that the Town get an estimate from Ralph Iatarola who has built steps for several people in Dune Acres before a final decision is made. Lou Roberts and Bill Griffin will get together to decide where the Town logos will be placed on the truck and the Mule.

POLICE: Commissioner Cecilia Call

Cecilia Call also asked Irv to report what a good trooper Diane was for putting up

with the bees that invaded the gatehouse and to commend Bill Griffin for getting an exterminator to deal with the bee problem. There were two hives one in the ground and one in the wall. The exterminator will be back in the spring to deal with the larger hive in the wall.

ENVIRONMENT: Commissioner Sue Smith

Sue Smith said that there will be a tree identification party for kids and all ages on Saturday at 10:00 with a Park Ranger. A notice will be posted on the bulletin board. She said that she has signed for a checking account at Porter Bank and is expecting money soon from the grant for eliminating the invasive plants to our area. Sandy O'Brien and Noel Pavlovic, the environmental scientists, will be here soon mapping out the area. Sue asked if they needed identification to be here and John Wilhelm suggested that she have something printed up that they could have in their pockets in case anyone questions them. Sue reported that the last hazardous wasted drop-off will be at Kouts High School on Saturday, October 1 from 9a.m. to 2 p.m. She is looking for a dogwood tree to replace the tree to be removed at the Gatehouse. It was decided that the stump should be removed when the tree is cut down. The Coastal Conservancy International Cleanup Committee has declared the week of Sept. 17 cleanup week. Jane Dickey and Sue volunteered to pickup debris and mark down what they find to report to this effort as was requested.

WATER:

Ben Bolton reported there were 4 bidders on the Circle Beach Dr. Project. The bid was awarded to Boyd Construction. They will be doing part bi-directional boring and stabilizing sand with? Which will make for a challenging situation. Traffic may have to be stopped. Next couple weeks is a start date. Then meet with council and Indiana American Water.

OLD BUSINESS:

President Lou Roberts read the proposed budget amounts for the purpose of adopting the budget for 2006. John Wilhelm moved to accept the 2006 budget amounts as advertised, Ben Bolton seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Lou said they only had to sign one copy and that she will make the additional copies and deliver them to the Courthouse and to other Town officials. She reported that the people repairing the Clubhouse will be here on Friday to do their analysis and they need an extension ladder. John Wilhelm offered use of his ladder.

Lou expressed frustration with the slowness of information from Orbeson and Davis on estimates for repair to the Town Hall. She is planning an open house at the Town Hall to give residents a chance to see the damage and give input before a decision about repairing or rebuilding it is made.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business.

PLAN COMMISSION: There was no report and there will be no meeting this month.

QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION:

There was a question about 4 wheelers on the beach and another about water craft. John Wilhelm said that there is an ordinance saying that no motorized vehicles are allowed on the beach other than service vehicles. He said that the new ordinance book which is nearing completion will be a great help in dealing with issues like these.

The meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm.

At 8:47 p.m. Council President Bolton entertained a motion from Councilperson John Wilhelm to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned.

	Benjamin Bolton, Council President
	John Wilhelm, Councilperson
	Louise Roberts, Councilperson
Sherry A. King, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer	

CLAIMS

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
A & M Lawn And Garden	Repairing Lawn Mower	\$134.12
Able Disposal	Garbage Pick-up	\$62.52
Advanced Drainage	8/13 - 9/10/05	\$100.00
Aluminum Welding & Machine Works, Inc.	Mounting Plate for TV	\$20.00
Atty. Dan Whitten	3 rd Qtr. Fees	\$1,250.00
Bartley, Diane A	August Salary	\$1,352.72
Belsha, Atha W	August Salary	\$1,328.56
Bill Jewett	Minutes for July 26 Meeting	\$50.00
Bill Nixon	Municipal Code Expense	\$61.90
Bob Hubbs	Computer Network Cable	\$10.05
Builders Network Realty, Inc.	Clerk-Treasurer Office Rent	\$184.00
Cells For Less	Battery & Charger	\$104.91
Chesterton Tribune	Publishing Water Bids	\$61.39
Datagraphics	Municipal Code Copies	\$32.32
Friday, Raymond C	August Salary	\$277.02
Great Lakes Engineering, Inc.	Prof. Services Water Sale Fund	\$1,382.50
Hiestand, Anne M	August Salary	\$377.25
Hopkins Ace Hardware	Statement Balance	\$9.03
Indiana American Water Company	6/22 - 8/24/2005	\$45.19
Jean Tonner	Brick Work at Gatehouse	\$650.00
Joan Rearick	Minutes for Aug. 16 Meeting	\$50.00
Joe Duvall	Mowing Services for August	\$945.00
Kellie Klein	Bear Carving at Park	\$1,000.00
King, Sherry A	August Salary	\$181.32
Kristophel, David W	August Salary	\$699.65
Krull & Son, LTD	Stake line between lots 80/81	\$280.00
L. A. Bell Motor Lines, Inc.	Moving Clerk Office	\$219.00
Lepley, Philip A	August Salary	\$1,392.83
Louise Roberts	Office Supplies	\$130.99
Markovich, Nick	August Salary	\$891.08
Microbacs Laboratories, Inc.	Beach Testing - August	\$1,512.00
Newark InOne	Parts for Water Pumping Station	\$64.13
Nextel	7/15 - 8/14/05	\$129.64
Nipsco	Services 8/3 - 9/2/05	\$271.63
Pinkerton Fuels & Lubricants	Vehicle Service	\$116.46

Ray Friday	Mileage	\$21.67
The Times	Budget Publishing	\$164.28
Time Management Services	Gatehouse Cleaning	\$100.00
Trout, Terry R	August Salary	\$519.65
Tyrrell, Garrett L	August Salary	\$428.81
Verizon North	Telephone - 2 mos.	\$281.13
Westchester Warehouse	Records Storage	\$31.50
Total Accounts Payable Claims		\$16,924.25